

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
at CHATTANOOGA

LAINIE S. WHITMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

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Case No. 1:13-cv-136

Judge Mattice

Magistrate Judge Carter

ORDER

On May 13, 2014, United States Magistrate Judge William B. Carter filed his Report and Recommendation (Doc. 20) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b). Magistrate Judge Carter recommended that (1) Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. 12) be denied; (2) Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 18) be granted; (3) the Decision of the Commissioner be affirmed; and (4) this action be dismissed.

Plaintiff has filed no objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation.¹ Nevertheless, the Court has conducted a reviewed the Report and Recommendation, as well as the record, and it agrees with Magistrate Judge Carter's well-reasoned conclusions.

¹ Magistrate Judge Carter specifically advised Plaintiff that she had 14 days in which to object to the Report and Recommendation and that failure to do so would waive his right to appeal. (Doc. 20 at 17 n.4); see Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2); see also *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 148-51 (1985) (noting that "[i]t does not appear that Congress intended to require district court review of a magistrate's factual or legal conclusions, under a *de novo* or any other standard, when neither party objects to those findings"). Even taking into account the three additional days for service provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d), the period in which Plaintiff could timely file any objections has now expired.

Accordingly:

- The Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** Magistrate Judge Carter's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations pursuant to § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b);
- Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. 12) is **DENIED**;
- Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 18) is **GRANTED**;
- The decision of the Commissioner is **AFFIRMED**;
- This case is hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2014.

/s/ Harry S. Mattice, Jr.
HARRY S. MATTICE, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE